Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: It was decided in consultation with the company.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Am I to take it that the Dunlop Company was not consulted for their mileage rate?

President: Order, order. The question is ruled out as it is an abuse of the right of questioning.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the amount that is offered by way of expense per mile?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: It is one anna four pies per mile.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know the amount acceptable to the Dunlop Company?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: As I have already said they did not agree to any mileage rate.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: What was the nature of the consultation with the Dunlop Company?

President: Order, order. Communications between Government and the company are confidential and no questions in regard to them can be answered.

Tyres used for the transport buses.

86. * **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of miles for which a tyre now used for the transport bus could be used;

(*b*) the number of tyres that are required for a transport bus;

(*c*) the cost price of one such tyre; and

(*d*) the number of transport buses that are now in service?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) Approximately 6,000 miles.

(*b*) Six.

(*c*) Rs. 90 for one tyre and tube.

(*d*) Forty-eight on an average.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether there is any guarantee or undertaking by the company that they would run a tyre for a fixed distance only?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: There is no such condition, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair Am I to take it that the company is entitled to run a tyre over and above the distance stated in the answer?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, the tyres are expected to be used for a mileage of 6000 and odd and if it is found defective, the company has either to repair it or renew it.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Am I to take it that regardless of the change or repair of tyres, the company is allowed to run the tyres?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, the company is obliged to repair or renew the defective tyres before they have travelled 6000 miles. The agents of the company are already in Trivandrum to attend to this item of work.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Does the Transport Department exercise any sort of supervison in the change of tyres?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, the repair and renewal of tyres are all subject to the approval of the Transport Superintendent.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know when the Transport Superintendent is to examine the change of tyres?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: As soon as the Transport Superintendent feels that a tyre should be repaired or should be renewed, the company is bound to carry out the requisition of the Transport Superintendent.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Am I to take it that after running 6000 miles a tyre could be allowed to run further by the Transport Superintendent?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: If it is road-worthy it would certainly be used.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know from the honourable member whether the undertaking to purchase tyres from the company direct would enable Government to realise a higher profit?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Sir, Government consider that the arrangement already entered into is more profitable than the one suggested by the honourable member.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Are the Government aware that a tyre in the transport bus could be run for 15,000 miles?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: No, Sir, Personally and on behalf of Government I do not think that a tyre can be used for 15,000 miles.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: Have the Government verified the maximum distance which a tyre can run without being damaged?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Ordinarily it will vary from 6000 to 9000 miles. That depends upon several conditions precedent.

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Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair : May I know from the honourable member whether Government have verified the maximum distance that a tyre used by the Transport Department can run?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai : No, Sir.

Rule re security for sanctioning English Middle and High Schools.

87. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have recently made any rule or passed any order with regard to security in the matter of sanctioning English Middle and High Schools ;

(*b*) what the order or rule is ;

(*c*) what the order or rule was previously ;

(*d*) the reason for the change in the rule ;

(*e*) the object, purpose and aim that is meant to be gained or achieved by the change ; and

(*f*) whether the Government are granting concessions in the matter of security in the case of English Middle and High Schools in the country parts of Travancore ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) That a cash deposit, to be supplemented by annual contribution, should be invested in the Savings Bank in the case of newly sanctioned schools, the total deposit for English Middle Schools being Rs. 2,000 and that for the English High Schools Rs. 5,000.

(*c*) That a financial guarantee on an 8 anna stamp paper should be given.

(*d*) & (*e*) As a safeguard for the stability of the institutions and their compliance with departmental orders—*vide* Rule 134 of the Education Code.

(*f*) No.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether Government have considered the question whether such a condition for security will not affect the spread of education, especially in the rural and backward areas ?

Mr. A Gopala Menon : That question has not been raised hitherto.

Mr. N. V Chacko : May I know whether there is a grievance that Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 5000 is penal and very high ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Sir, that is a figure that has to be made up in course of time. It is not an amount which has to be deposited in a year or two.

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